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SUBJECT: OECD OBSERVER STATUS AT UNGA

1. SUMMARY: ISSUE OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR OECD SECRETARY GENERAL AT UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS RAISED BY OECD DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL ELDIN AND SPECIAL COUNSELOR KOBAYASHI, WITH VARIOUS UN PERMREPS DURING UN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION. DISCUSSIONS, THEY SAID, REVEALED NUMEROUS MISCONCEPTIONS REGARDING OECD OBSERVER STATUS WHICH THEY CLEARED UP. BOTH OECD OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT ANY REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS NOT LIKELY TO BE OPPOSED BY NON-OECD MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. OECD DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL ELDIN, AT MAY 16 HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING, NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED ISSUE OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR OECD AT UNGA AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WITH ALMOST ALL OECD COUNTRY PERMREPS TO UN WHILE HE WAS IN NEW YORK FOR COMMITTEE
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OF THE WHOLE. HE SAID HIS DISCUSSIONS ON THIS QUESTION REVEALED MISUNDERSTANDING BY MANY PERMREPS OF WHAT SUCH STATUS WOULD MEAN. MANY PERMREPS CONFUSED OBSERVER STATUS FOR SECRETARY GENERAL WITH ATTEMPT BY SECRETARIAT TO SET UP NEW FORMAT FOR COORDINATION AT THE UN. ANOTHER MISCONCEPTION WAS THAT THE OECD SECRETARIAT WANTED TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED

COUNTRIES. A THIRD MISUNDERSTANDING WAS THAT OECD WANTED TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT DELEGATION WITH A LARGE STAFF. ELDIN STATED HE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT IF OECD WERE TO BE GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS, IT WOULD BE SECRETARIAT THAT WOULD BE REPRESENTED, NOT OECD MEMBERSHIP. ISSUE OF HOW OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES DISCUSS AND COORDINATE POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AT UN IS SEPARATE ISSUE AND WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY OBSERVER STATUS. HE DENIED ANY INTENTION TO SET UP A PERMANENT OFFICE.

3. SECRETARIAT HAS A LOT TO CONTRIBUTE HE SAID, CITING ONGOING OECD WORK ON TRANSFER OF RESOURCES WHICH IS RELEVANT TO UN. OECD PRESENCE IN DISCUSSIONS, ELDIN NOTED, WOULD ALSO PROVIDE OECD IN PARIS WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION ON UN ACTIVITIES AND GIVE SECRETARIAT BETTER FEEL FOR POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF NORTH/SOUTH DISCUSSIONS.

4. TOMOHIKO KOBAYASHI, OECD SPECIAL COUNSELOR, ADDED THAT HE HAD INFORMAL TALKS WITH SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SAUDI ARABIA AND THE USSR. AS REPORTED BY KOBAYASHI, THESE COUNTRIES WERE ALREADY AWARE THAT OECD HAD OBSERVER STATUS AT ECOSOC AND THUS WERE NOT SURPRISED THAT OECD SOUGHT OFFICIAL OBSERVER STATUS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. KOBAYASHI REPORTED THE RUSSIAN AS SAYING HE COULD SEE NOTHING AGAINST THE PROPOSAL SINCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OECD WAS ALREADY REPRESENTED AT ECOSOC. SEVERAL NON-OECD UN REPRESENTATIVES TOLD KOBAYASHI THEY BELIEVED OECD DOCUMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL TO UN. ELDIN AND KOBAYASHI STATED BELIEF THAT OBSERVER STATUS WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED BY NON-OECD MEMBERS, ADDING THAT, OF COURSE, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE VERIFIED.

5. ONLY COMMENT WAS REMARK BY SPANISH DELEGATE SAYING SPAIN WAS FAVORABLE TO OBSERVER STATUS FOR OECD SECRETARIAT.

6. COMMENT: THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANY CHANGE IN POSITION OF CERTAIN EC-9 MEMBERS WHICH IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF OPPOSITION IN OECD COUNCIL.

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